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Re: Molycorp, Inc. Questa, New Mexico

Dear Mike:

By now you have probably received a copy of the Red River "background study" by the University of New Mexico. That report was edited -- apparently extensively -- by the New Mexico Natural Resources Trustee, Mr. William Turner, who ordered that all drafts of the report be destroyed. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from David Shoemaker reprinted in the October 24, 1999 edition of the Albuquerque Journal North that responds to a newspaper account about this background study. Molycorp believes that the report's conclusions are not supported by the evidence.

Please call if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. David R. Shoemaker

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